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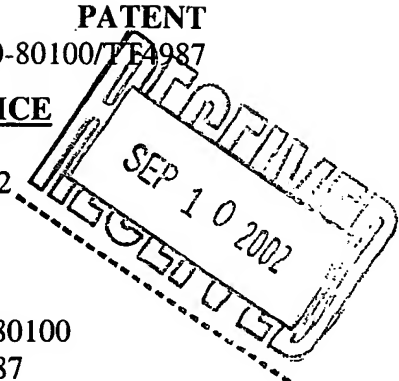
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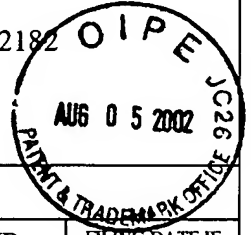
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	A2	5,825,218	10/20/1998	Colli, <i>et al.</i>			
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